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In re application of:

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For: **SYSTEMS FOR ELECTROSURGICAL
TISSUE TREATMENT IN CONDUCTIVE FLUID**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before substantive examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-79 and insert the following new claims 1-13.

1. (New) A method for removing a structure in or around a patient's heart comprising:

introducing a distal end of a catheter shaft through an opening in the patient's body to the patient's heart, the catheter shaft having a distal opening and an inner lumen in communication with the distal opening;